

# SPACE & MISSILE TIMES



## Base Briefs

### FIT TO FIGHT RUN

The Fit to Fight Fun Run begins at 7 a.m. Tuesday at the parade grounds. The 5k run is mandatory for all 30th Space Wing active-duty Airmen. The route will cause delays from 6:45 to 9 a.m.

### AWARD EVALUATION

The Air Force Space Command John L. Hennessy evaluation team, 1st Lt. Denise Duriga and Chief Master Sgt. Remonia Mckiver, arrived Tuesday and is evaluating Team V through Saturday. This year's rally point is "The Best for Our Guests."

### TOWN HALL MEETING

A town hall meeting takes place at 7 p.m. Oct. 25 in the base theater to discuss plans to privatize Vandenberg's housing.

### HALLOWEEN

Security forces will be on pumpkin patrol in base housing from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 30. People wishing to hand out candy should turn on their front porch light.

### RETIREMENT

Master Sgt. Daniel Cook, 576th Flight Test Squadron, retires at 11 a.m. today in building 8314. Call Maj. Stephen Kravitsky 606-2509 for more information.

### GLASSES

Team V Airmen who wear glasses and are up for deployment are reminded to update their glasses and gas mask inserts. Call the 30th Medical Group Optometry Clinic at 606-0468 for an eye exam.

### TUITION INCREASE

California has increased the enrollment fee for its community colleges from \$18 per unit to \$26 per unit. Students must go to any Allan Hancock College location to clear the bill. Do not ignore the bill.

### TAX CHANGE

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has signed a bill changing a California law benefiting all non-resident military families that earn income in California. Under the new bill, military income of non-California residents will no longer be included in calculations for California state tax purposes. Its retroactive to 2000. To obtain refunds, military non-residents and their spouses must file amended California tax returns. The tax office is available to help with these amendments. In some circumstances refunds can be hundreds of dollars. Call the base tax office at 606-3650 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays.

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PHOTO BY PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS DANIEL McLAIN

An F/A-18F Super Hornet conducts a high-speed pass in front of a crowd at the 2004 Naval Air Station Oceana Air Show. The Super Hornet is scheduled to perform this year at Vandenberg's Western Air and Space Show.

## Air Show is two weeks away

By TECH. SGT. REBECCA DANÉT  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ As the days wind down toward Vandenberg's Western Air and Space Show 2004, the executive committee is in high gear to provide an exciting weekend of flying entertainment for the Central Coast.

The show takes place Oct. 30 and 31 as the Patriots take center stage on Vandenberg's flightline. The public is invited here to see its Air Force in action all weekend long. The gates are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is free.

"Guests will have the opportunity to see many of our nation's most impressive aircraft in action, including many that have been critical to our success in the Global War on Terrorism," said Col. Frank Gallegos, 30th Space Wing commander. "We are especially

thrilled to be able to showcase the world-class professionals who make up Team Vandenberg."

Headlining the show, the Patriots are a three-plane civilian demonstration team flying Boeing's L-39 jet aircraft. They've been on the air show circuit with their fast-paced formation flying since 2003. The Patriots perform their signature "Tail Slide" maneuver where the aircraft actually slides backwards toward the ground. In 2005 the team plans to add a fourth plane to their show.

In addition to the Patriots, the Viper West Team from Hill AFB, Utah, will tear through Vandenberg's skies in their F-16 fighting falcons. Air Combat Command's West Coast A-10 Demo Team will also be here flying the A-10 Thunderbolt II. With a max speed

of 420 miles per hour, the A-10 is credited as a highly accurate weapons-delivery system with excellent maneuverability at low air speeds and altitude.

Adding a bit of history to the mix, Steve Cowell will be flying his T-6, "Double-Vee." Mr. Cowell's plane is the only aircraft still flying that was used to train the Tuskegee Airmen in Tuskegee, Ala., during World War II.

Julie Clark will perform an aerobatics display in her T-34 Mentor. Ms. Clark is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara and was one of the first women pilots in the commercial airline industry.

More than 15 others are scheduled to perform throughout the day Saturday and Sunday. In addition, more than 35 aircraft static

displays are planned, including the F-117 Nighthawk from Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The 76th Helicopter Flight's hangar will be filled to capacity with space and missile displays and interactive activities.

More than 100,000 guests are expected to visit the base throughout the weekend. The 30th Security Forces Squadron will provide parking at the base parade grounds, on 13th Street and, for large vehicles, at the parking lot on Highway 1 at Azalea Lane. The 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron will provide free bus transportation throughout the day.

Base housing residents are encouraged to use the buses or ride bikes to the flightline. Routes and times will be available in the *Space & Missile Times* Oct. 29 and on the

Commander's Access Channel in the coming weeks.

In order to provide adequate security for guests, residents and Air Force assets, a number of restrictions will be in place for the weekend. People will not be allowed to wear Halloween costumes and no coolers will be allowed on the flightline. Food and drinks will be available for purchase at the airfield or visitors may bring them in open plastic bags. Complete information and directions are available on the Western Air and Space Show Web site at [www.30sys.com](http://www.30sys.com).

"All in all, it's shaping up to be a very exciting weekend," said Maj. Scott Sanders, air show deputy director. "We really look forward to having our neighbors visit and showing them what their Air Force has to offer."



PHOTO BY 2ND LT. STACEY MARZHEUSER

A Monterey County Deputy Sheriff prepares to remove a marijuana plant from its hiding place in a nearby forest. The 76th Helicopter Flight supports these missions.

## Team V supports war on drugs

By 2ND LT. STACEY MARZHEUSER  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ The fall season means harvest time for many farmers no matter what their crop. Some grow vegetables, some grow flowers or fruit, and still others prefer a much more controversial crop. Some farmers are proud to display a successful growing season while others choose to keep their successes hidden. Quite a few make

a living through agriculture but some use it as a hobby to provide supplemental income. Most farmers prefer to harvest their own crops in the traditional manners while a select few would rather harvest someone else's crops by nontraditional means.

Circling over high mountain ranges, scanning deep ravines, disturbing woven tree canopies, all while hanging from the cargo door

opening of a UH-1N Huey describes a typical Joint Task Force North mission for Vandenberg's 76th Helicopter Flight. They may not be farmers, but they are quite successful at harvesting, at least when it comes to harvesting illegal crops. When clear, blue skies, crisp mountain air and plenty of sunshine make it a perfect day for flying, there's a good chance some

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## Last of the Peacekeepers



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KURT GIBBONS

2nd Lt. Terrance Spikes, 392nd Training Squadron, goes through initial qualification training as part of the last class of Peacekeeper operators. See Page A5 for the full story.

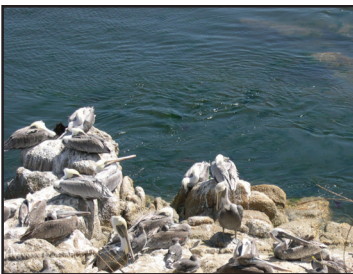
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Weekend forecast  
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Sunday.  
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# 'Red Tide' is on its way

MAJ. JOHN JAMES  
*30th Medical Group*

■ Now is the time to enjoy the beauty of Vandenberg's rugged waterfront cliffs and pristine beaches.

During this season, the ocean water might appear “different or not quite right” or may have a darker brownish red coloration to it. This change in coloration is what is generally referred to as a “red tide.” According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, harmful algae are microscopic, single-celled plants that live in the sea. Most species of algae or phytoplankton (plant plankton) are not harmful and serve as the energy producers at the base of the food web, without which higher life on this planet would not exist. The two most common types of marine phytoplankton are diatoms and dinoflagellates.

Occasionally, the algae grow very fast or “bloom” and accumulate into dense, visible patches near the surface of the water.

Dr. Donald Anderson from the National Office for Marine Biotoxins and Harmful Algal Bloom said that “Red Tide” is a common name for such a phenomenon where certain phytoplankton species contain reddish pigments and “bloom” such that the water appears to be colored red.

The term “red tide” is thus a misnomer because they are not associated with tides; they are usually not harmful; and those species that are harmful may never reach the densities required to discolor the water. Unfortunately, a small number of species also produce potent neurotoxins that can be transferred through the food web where they affect and even kill higher forms of life. Scientists now prefer the term, Harmful Algae Bloom, to refer to bloom phenomenon that contain toxins or that cause negative impacts.

People are exposed principally to the toxins produced by harmful algae through the consumption of contaminated seafood

products. Strong neurotoxins can be ingested by shellfish and passed on to humans who eat the infected shellfish.

Eating shellfish during the quarantine period on the Central Coast primarily puts people at risk for paralytic shellfish poisoning. PSP has a long history on the U.S. west coast, having been reported by early European explorers and coastal Indian tribes. In California, blooms of harmful algae cause toxicity nearly every year. PSP toxins are usually highest during July and August with most toxic events occurring from May to October.

This quarantine affects bivalve mollusks, such as clams, oysters, cockles, mussels, snails, scallops, and barnacles. The quarantine restrictions and recommendations apply only to shellfish collected by sport harvesters. Mussels and other bivalve mollusks harvested by state-certified shellfish growers and sold commercially in markets and restaurants should pose no risk of poisoning to consumers.

Signs and symptoms of Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning most often occur 10 to 30 minutes after eating affected seafood. Problems may include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, and tingling or burning lips, tongue, face, neck, arms, legs, and toes. Later problems may include shortness of breath, dry mouth, a choking feeling, confused or slurred speech, and lack of coordination. There is no antidote, and death usually occurs from asphyxiation or respiratory paralysis.

In general, water containing “red tide” is not harmful to recreate in. Showering after swimming or surfing in water that contains an algal bloom is advised. In some circumstances obnoxious odors and smells can emanate from blooms, especially in confined tidewaters and bays. Otherwise the water is not toxic.

Avoidance of mussels or clams during the quarantine period will prevent any harmful effects of “Red Tide” from occurring.

## DRUGS:

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unsuspecting marijuana farmer will later find himself having a less than perfect day.

The 76th Helicopter Flight crews are volunteer members of the Joint Task Force North unit which was established to support the counterdrug activities of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. Until recently, the task force was called Joint Task Force Six. It is a multi-service command comprised of approximately 185 assigned soldiers, sailors, Marines, Airmen and Department of Defense civilian specialists.

The rest of the support needed to accomplish its mission is dependent upon volunteer active duty and reserve component individual augmentees and units from all four branches of the Department of Defense. The unit serves as a force multiplier, enhancing the effectiveness of the law enforcement agencies it supports through the application of unique Department of Defense technologies and capabilities; while providing significant and focused training value to the supporting military personnel and units, said Armando Carrasco. Mr. Carrasco is JTF-North's Public Affairs officer and the only person mentioned by name in this article due to the sensitive nature and possible danger involved with the missions.

The missions provide the military with an unprecedented ability to train on more than 90 percent of its warfighter tasks in unique and diverse environments, he said.

It provides a win-win situation for everyone involved because the law enforcement agencies receive the support they need while the military units receive their necessary training, a member of the California Forest Service added.

The purpose and importance of these missions is clear to all those involved. That was evident in the crew of Vandenberg Airmen, Fort Erwin soldiers, and Monterey County Deputy Sheriffs as they prepared for a recent counter-narcotic eradication mission. Each unit and agency contributes valuable manpower, equipment, and expertise to each mission and dedicates themselves to the command's motto, "Service to the Nation," Mr. Carrasco said.

Since its establishment in 1989, JTF-6, now JTF-North, has completed more than 5,800 missions supporting more than 430 federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and counterdrug task forces. Last year alone, JTF-6 counterdrug support missions directly contributed to the seizure of illegal drugs valued at almost two billion dollars, Mr. Carrasco said.

For a mission last week, Monterey County



PHOTO BY 2ND LT. STACEY MARZHEUSER

**Two JTF-North crew members get back into the helicopter after using the 76th Helicopter Squadron's helo hoist.**

requested support from available JTF-North units to assist in the transportation of its deputies to nearby marijuana “gardens.”

It was a race of who would reach and harvest the crops first, the marijuana grower or those committed to fighting the war on drugs. With the support of the 76th Helo Flight, the crew was able to penetrate the fields from the sky in a matter of minutes instead of having to hike for hours or days.

"The Vandenberg crew has provided the best support for us this year. Without them, we would not be as effective," said one Monterey County Deputy Sheriff.

Those growing illegal drugs often go to great lengths to protect their “gardens” from law enforcement. The plants are usually in remote areas and ingeniously camouflaged. Farmers have been known to protect their marijuana plants by force, even shooting at law enforcement officers.

That's why the seriousness of the mission is not lost in the excitement of the task. The anticipation of taking down a large marijuana grower filled the air as the crew prepared the helicopter and its equipment, including the hoist that would lower and retrieve the agents and plants from the garden. On last week's mission, agents planned to hit a man's third marijuana field after removing the plants from his first two fields the previous day.

Sacrificing the size of his plants to an early harvest, the man won that race as he salvaged only a small portion of his initial crop.

However, disappointment didn't discourage the crew. From some continued recon in the late afternoon, a small crop was

spotted growing on a mountainside. The deputy sheriffs were lowered first to search the area for potential threats. They then stood ready, weapons drawn, as each member of the extraction crew mounted the hoist. When directed, agents were lowered from the powerful Huey to the brush below. The pilots tried to be as accurate as possible and avoid trees and large branches.

"They are good guys," said a Monterey County Deputy Sheriff. "They can fly the heck out of those machines."

The landing, however, was anything but soft and easy.

Because JTF-North personnel and the military units that perform the support missions are not on the “front lines” in the “war on drugs,” they do not take part in the actual cutting of the plants or collection of evidence and cannot conduct searches, seizures, or make arrests, Mr. Carrasco said. They’re used strictly in a support capacity.

"I love doing this work," said one Team Vandenberg Airman. "We get to take out the bad guys and they usually don't even know it's going on at the time. What a surprise they get when they come to check on their plants and find them all gone and their irrigation systems destroyed."

And to show the marijuana growers that they're serious about their work but do have a lighter side, the crew sometimes leaves a business card behind.

"I left a note behind one time," a deputy sheriff said, "letting the grower know who took his marijuana and who he needed to call to get it back. I'm still waiting to hear from him."

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# Commanding the future

By COL. FRANK GALLEGOS  
30th Space Wing commander

Throughout my career, one of the most common complaints I've heard is that it is difficult at best to determine the commander's vision for the future. There are many reasons this happens. We all get busy trying to get the mission done, and can easily lose sight of the need to relay the big picture. We may assume, perhaps incorrectly, that our people know in what direction we are taking the wing. We may fail to effectively communicate that direction. Make no mistake, we are in sync with our 4-star leadership as we prepare our Airmen to have the *knowledge to command our future* - our fourth HAWKS vector.

This future is Space Combat Command of 2025. We need to develop the culture, unleash our human talent, and develop our Airmen to be the space warriors of 2025. Acting on this now is crucial because the Airmen we see arriving today will be the chiefs and colonels in 2025.

Space has already become central to everything we do. Our ability to operate in space is what separates us from our adversaries. It gives us a tremendous advantage in persistence, situational awareness, perspective and predictive battlespace awareness. In nearly every battle we have fought in the Global War on Terrorism, space has been central to our success. Even the famous cavalry charge during the battle of Mazr-I-Sharif, where our special forces and Afghan tribesmen charged a key Taliban position on horse back, relied heavily on space in enabling us to precisely rain bombs down on our enemies and to know exactly where friendly and unfriendly forces were located. Space has changed the dynamics of the modern battlefield and will continue to do so. If you look at how far we've come just since Desert Storm, it's hard to imagine the magnitude of the role space will play by 2025. And Vandenberg, with its

space launch mission and test range, is a key part of that. We need to prepare our Airmen to lead this changing force. They must understand the importance of space and be able to leverage it to command air and space power. It is incumbent upon today's leaders to train these leaders of tomorrow. Gen Lord has made this a focus area, and has emphasized the need to increase leadership involvement in Space Professional Development. But we all have the responsibility to take an active role in developing the space cadre our nation needs. Never miss an opportunity to mentor and train our young Airmen. I encourage all of you to study the history of space in the Air Force and to stay current on how we are changing. Look for opportunities to listen to our senior leaders or read their speeches. Take advantage of educational opportunities as they become available.

Get your folks out to see a launch. There is nothing quite as exhilarating as watching a rocket carry a critical national satellite into space. Make sure they understand how their success here in making that launch happen translates into success on the battlefield.

We are working to set up more opportunities for our senior leaders to interact with our junior force. We recently had a dinner downtown where colonels met with junior officers. We will continue to look for opportunities that enable interaction between our senior leaders and our junior force. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities, whether you are the experienced old hat or the lieutenant or A1C waiting to go to training.

Our future is Space Combat Command by 2025. We must all take an active role in keeping the wing focused in the right direction and preparing our Airmen to have the knowledge to command this future. Go HAWKS!

**Commander's  
Action Line**

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or  
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**Col. Frank Gallegos  
commander**

By performing Vandenberg's mission safely and effectively, Team V provides proof of its commitment to do the right thing.

Two-way communication is paramount to continued mission success. The 30th Space Wing Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me.

Through the action line you can congratulate your teammates on a job well done, affect change and express productive points of view.

I want your input and I am personally involved in every response.

The action line is always available and it's an excellent tool, but remember to

use your chain of command. Talk to your supervisors, first sergeants, services officials and other base professionals and give them a chance to solve your problem first.

Working together, we will enrich the 30th SW mission performance and the quality of life of our Airmen.

When calling the action line, leave your name and phone number in case more information is needed.

**Check out our on-line news at  
[www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/news](http://www.vandenberg.af.mil/30sw/news)**

# Keeping Vandenberg safe is a 24-hour/seven-day job

By LT. COL. ROBERT GIBSON  
30th Space Wing Safety Office

From seatbelts to space lift, the 30th Space Wing's Safety Office is flying top cover for the Vandenberg Hawks 24 by 7! Having been on base almost a month now as the wing's chief of safety, I am amazed at the breadth and depth of the safety office's responsibility. As many of you know, the wing's mission is to defend the United States through launch and range operations. Our wing commander, Col. Frank Gallegos, has given the 55 safety experts in the safety office a charter to ensure the absolute and complete safety of Vandenberg and our neighboring communities while safely performing that mission.

Our goal, as dictated by the Air Force

Chief of Staff, General John Jumper, is zero mishaps. This is a heady task considering the number of people, both military and civilian, assigned to our base, and the magnitude of the missions we Hawks perform. Every day, there are over 16,000 people working and living on Vandenberg, enjoying 41 miles of pristine California coast-line, in 3,862 facilities, over an expanse of almost 100,000 acres.

These same team members rely on six water treatment plants, 98 miles of sewage pipes, 574 miles of an electrical distribution system, and almost 800 miles of roadways. That's a lot of things, areas, and missions, to be safety conscious about! With numbers like these, hearing the Chief's term of "zero mishaps" may cause some folks to immediately place that goal in the

"too hard to do" category. I would respectfully disagree. To put this in perspective as to how well we're doing, please consider the following statistics.

From a driving safety standpoint, in the third quarter of 2003, we checked 4,420 drivers and passengers for seatbelt use, and found a 99.99 percent compliant rate. Our Pad Safety experts, who oversee hazardous procedures for all Vandenberg space and missile operations, have monitored over 100 space and missile operations involving multi-million dollar launch platforms so far this year, with zero mishaps. Of the 11 launches the 30th Space Wing has performed in the past year, all were done flawlessly, and without any safety incidents.

The wing's closure rate for the past 3

years for hazard reports has been at 100 percent, far exceeding the Air Force Space Command's standard of 25 percent. Just recently, in one six-week period alone, we supported 13 launch rehearsals, seven pre-launch test operations, and four launches, all safely and on time.

The wing has also taken the Atlas V System Safety program from inception to procedure review in approximately 11 months, where the usual turn time for a program of this magnitude is two to three years - all with zero mishaps.

And finally, in the all important flying arena, the 76th Helicopter Flight flew more than 1,000 sorties encompassing 1,400 mishap-free flight hours last year, all while supporting 47 airborne security operations, 13 photo documentary missions, eight

firefighting teams, and four wildfire suppressions from the air. The 76th was also awarded two life "saves" last year in dramatic rescues over the Pacific Ocean and the Los Padres National Forest.

So for those who say the chief of staff's goal is too hard to do, I say look at how well we're doing! Your silent sentinels in the safety office are here to help the Hawks reach General Jumper's goal of zero mishaps. Please do your part daily to support the same. Safety truly is an attitude, so make sure you, your family, and your teammates have the right one.

Team V's mission literally reaches to the stars, and only working together as a team can we continue to produce the results that remain part of the 30th Space Wing's legacy - teamwork and safety!

## HAWKS'

Point of View

**"What has been your favorite assignment in the Air Force?"**



*"My favorite assignment is here at Vandenberg because I like to sail and surf. I'm close to Los Angeles and Vegas, too."* - **Steve Brady, military spouse**

*"My favorite assignment has been at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. The weather was warm year-round, so squadron picnics and barbecues were available to us all the time."* - **Staff Sgt. James Williams, 30th Space Communications Squadron**



*"My favorite assignment has been at Alconberry Air Base, England, because the people there were very friendly, the roundabouts made driving easier, and traveling to other European countries was easy."* - **Master Sgt. Keith Smith, 1st Air and Space Test Squadron**

*"My favorite assignment is right here at Vandenberg because the weather stays the same, and it is mostly sunny."* - **Staff Sgt. Kathryn Brady, 30th Logistics Readiness Squadron**

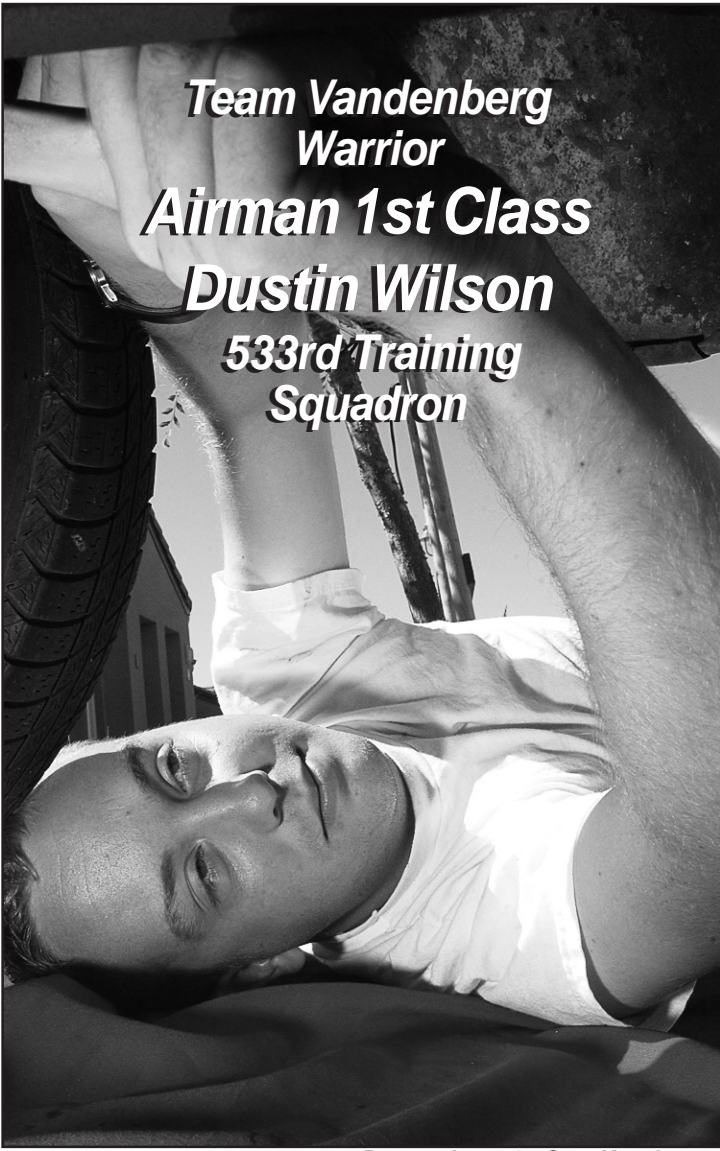


PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KURT GIBBONS

**Hometown:** Bend, Ore.  
**Time in service:** 22 months  
**Time on station:** 16 months  
**Role in mission:** I'm a computer system software engineer.

**How do you contribute to the wing mission?** I am part of a small team which builds and maintains training simulators for space observation training courses.

**What do you like best about the Air Force?**

Well, there are so many things I love about the Air Force... I suppose one of the things I like most is the camaraderie of all the people I've come into contact with so far. Everyone from my military training instructor in basic, and military training leaders in tech school, to all the members I have worked with for the past year and a half all have this sense of brotherhood that you won't find anywhere else.

**If you could change one thing about the Air Force what would it be?**

Honestly, without being biased by the unit I work for, I can't think of a thing I would change about the Air Force. **How do you fulfill the Air Force core values?** I just do everything to the best of my abilities all the time.

**What's the most exciting experience you've had so far in the Air Force?** I would have to say seeing a software product I made for

my unit getting recognition during inspections and being requested, and now used at Schriever AFB, Colo.

**How would you improve life at Vandenberg?** Does anyone know how to make it snow in a tropical climate? Oh, and a little rain wouldn't kill anyone.

**Who is your role model and why?** I would have to say my grandfather is my role model. Just the way he approached life and seemed to have a great appreciation for everything in it is what I admire about him. Also I have learned a great deal about classic cars from him.

**Who is your favorite leader in history and why?** Definitely Gen. "Stone Wall" Jackson. Again, he went through his life with a certain fearlessness. He never seemed to question himself or what he knew he had to do and this confidence, I believe, is one of the reasons his men were so loyal and willing to trust his direction to the end.

**Favorite movie:** Rooster Cogburn

**Hobbies:** classic cars, guitar, games, skiing/snowboarding, hunting and fishing

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*The Best Come West*

**Keep your eyes to the skies over Vandenberg to see the following acts, air show teams and fly-bys:**

- ♦ F-16 Tac-demo team from Hill AFB, Utah
- ♦ F/A-18 Tac-demo team from Naval Air Station Lemoore, Calif.
- ♦ A-10 West Coast Tac-demo team
- ♦ T-6 Tac-demo team
- ♦ F-16, A-10 & P-51 Heritage Flight team
- ♦ F-18, F-8F & F-4F Legacy Flight team
- ♦ Patriot jet team
- ♦ Eddie Anderini in his YAK 3
- ♦ Bill Cornick in his S-2C Pitts
- ♦ Dave Nash in his 540 Edge
- ♦ Rob Harrison in his Zlin 50
- ♦ Julie Clark Air Shows
- ♦ Tim Weber Air Shows
- ♦ Bill Stein Air Shows
- ♦ B-2 fly-by
- ♦ F-22 fly-by

**Oct. 30 and 31 on the Vandenberg Flightline**



# Crimebeat...

By SENIOR AIRMAN HARIS JOHNSON  
*30th Security Forces Squadron*  
**Oct. 4**  
**The Dukes of Hazard – 4:35 p.m.**

Two Airmen reported a major vehicle accident on a dirt road behind East Housing. 30th Security Forces Squadron patrolman spoke with the Airmen who said they entered the installation through a cattle gate instead of using Timberlane Drive. While traversing the unpaved road, the vehicle overturned but both Airmen escaped injury.

**Pick on someone your own size – 9:08 p.m.**

An Airman reported a domestic disturbance in base housing. He said he heard screaming and witnessed several individuals arguing in front of a residence. 30th SFS patrolmen arrived at the scene and spoke with a juvenile. He said he was assaulted by an Airman while visiting an acquaintance at the same location. The Airman was apprehended for assault and released to his first sergeant.

**Oct. 6**  
**Binge drinking – 5:48 p.m.**  
The Santa Maria Gate sentry reported a possible DUI at his location. A 30th SFS patrolman spoke with the driver, who consented to a field sobriety test. During the test the patrolman noticed a passenger unresponsive and unconscious in the vehicle. Medical crews

transported the individual to Lompoc’s emergency room for possible alcohol poisoning. The driver passed all three FSTs and was released.

**Leave the thinking to us – 12:20 a.m.**

A U.S. Protect gate guard reported a vehicle driving through Lompoc Gate without proper authorization or identification. A patrolman stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver. The individual said he thought the guard signaled him to enter. The driver provided proper identification, was briefed and released.

**Oct. 8**  
**You drink and drive, you lose – 2:53 a.m.**

A 30th SFS patrolman stopped a vehicle on California Avenue at Lake Canyon Road for a minor traffic violation. Upon identifying the driver, the patrolman noticed an odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the vehicle. The Airman consented to a field sobriety test, which he later failed with a breath alcohol content of .08. He was apprehended for driving under the influence and later released to his first sergeant.

**Oct. 10**  
**Save the drama – 3:21 a.m.**  
An Airman reported a verbal altercation at building 13121. He said he heard arguing and pounding on the walls. Patrolmen arrived on scene and



spoke with an Airman and his girlfriend who said they were having a verbal dispute. Both individuals were given an order to seize and desist.

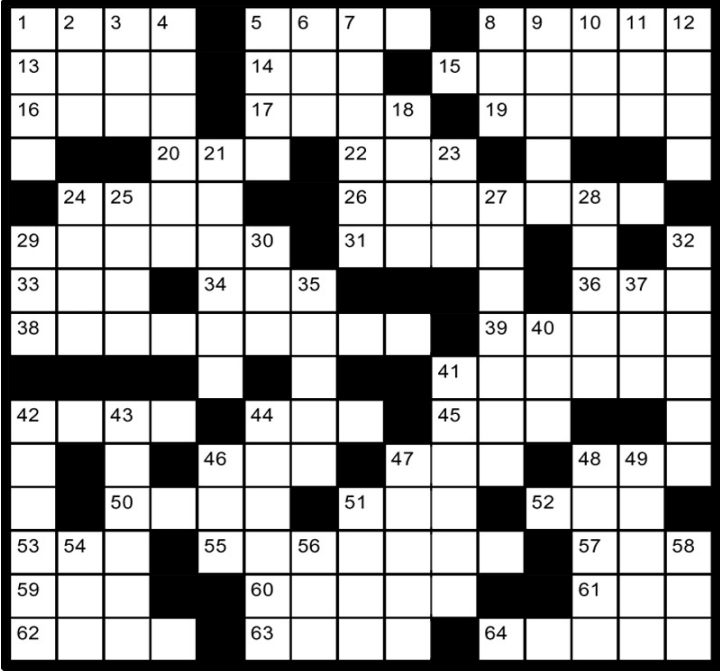
**Hoodlums – 5:20 p.m.**  
A 30th Services Squadron employee reported vandalism at the base gym. A patrolman spoke with the employee who said the janitor witnessed three juveniles running out the back door after business hours. The janitor also noticed fitness equipment that was tampered with. Security forces investigators were notified and the incident is under investigation.

**Oct. 11**  
**Fight club – 12:24 a.m.**  
A 30th SFS patrolman stumbled upon a fight in progress at the Pacific Coast Club while conducting a foot patrol. The patrolman said two Airmen’s spouses were engaged in a physical altercation. One female was detained on scene and the other was transported to Lompoc’s emergency room for abdominal pain. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

# Faster than a speeding bullet

By 1st LT. TONY WICKMAN  
*Alaskan Command Public Affairs*  
**ACROSS**

- 1. Test pilot Marion \_\_\_\_; 953 altitude record in D-558-II
  - 5. Test pilot Albert \_\_\_\_; 1947 speed record
  - 8. Researcher John P. \_\_\_\_; tested G-forces on body
  - 13. What was under princess’ mattress? (2 words)
  - 14. Behold
  - 15. Antenna
  - 16. Cardinal great Musial
  - 17. Amphibian
  - 19. *Where in the World* person
  - 20. Alias, in brief
  - 22. Space
  - 24. Mint
  - 26. Test pilot Frank K. \_\_\_\_; 1953 speed record in YF-100
  - 29. Scattered throughout
  - 31. Nevada town
  - 33. Pie \_\_\_\_ mode (2 words)
  - 34. Talk
  - 36. Expert
  - 38. Test pilot Iven C. \_\_\_\_; first to fly above 100,000 ft.
  - 39. Test pilot Robert M. \_\_\_\_; first to exceed Mach 4 & 5
  - 41. River tributary
  - 42. \_\_\_\_ Ready to Eat
  - 44. Actress Ryan
  - 45. German city
  - 46. Org. run by SECDEF
  - 47. Everything
  - 48. Foreign hat?
  - 50. Lapse
  - 51. Craft
  - 52. Vase
  - 53. Mil. acronym for how to deal with enemy
  - 55. Test pilot Wilbert D. \_\_\_\_; only “space ace” with satellite kill
  - 57. Hubris
  - 59. Actress Margaret of *Grumpy Old Men*
  - 60. Test pilot N.K. \_\_\_\_; completed *Have Blue* test program
  - 61. *Lord of the Rings* character
  - 62. Abominable snowman?
  - 63. Detected
  - 64. Military academy recruit
- DOWN**
- 1. Throw
  - 2. Test pilot Mel \_\_\_\_; first to exceed



- Mach 3
- 3. Actor Stephen of *The Crying Game*
- 4. Hawaiian patios
- 5. Greek letter
- 6. Nigerian town
- 7. Test pilot Charles E. \_\_\_\_; first to break sound barrier
- 8. Stitch
- 9. Hunt down
- 10. Enrage
- 11. Bachelor’s place
- 12. Trick
- 18. Kevin Kline movie
- 21. Test pilot William J. \_\_\_\_; piloted X-15 to Mach 6
- 23. Write, as in a novel
- 24. Columbian city
- 25. Air Force base home to 51st FW
- 27. Alien town?
- 28. Having agreeable taste
- 29. Golfer Se Ri \_\_\_\_
- 30. Actress West
- 32. Test pilot Eldon \_\_\_\_; 1971 speed record in SR-71
- 35. Leak
- 37. Roadway, in short
- 40. Fringe
- 41. Test pilot Fitzhugh L. \_\_\_\_; 1962 heaviest

- payload/altitude record
- 42. Test pilot Arthur \_\_\_\_; first to see curvature of Earth
- 43. \_\_\_\_ Without Leave; UCMJ violation
- 44. Mechanized bicycles
- 46. Dunk
- 47. Torching
- 48. Let go
- 49. Test pilot Joe H. \_\_\_\_; X-15 pilot and STS-2 spacecraft commander
- 51. Rear end (British)
- 54. Mil. operation begun 9/11
- 56. Vote in favor
- 58. Commonly



LAST WEEK’S ANSWERS



**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE**

Call Airmen Against Drunk Driving

For a free and confidential 'no questions asked' ride home, call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 606-AADD or 605-AADD.





# WWII vets visit Vandenberg

By Tech. Sgt. Mark McKinney  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Royal Air Force Burtonwood, Warrington, England is best described as the key to America’s Entry into World War II. Evidence of its importance is the founding of the Burtonwood Association in 1987, beginning with the first gathering of Burtonwood veterans in New Orleans, La. Team Vandenberg played host to the association for their 2004 fall reunion the week of Oct. 4 to 9. Some 140 Burtonwood Association members met up here to do some touring, catching up, and reminiscing about their fond memories of a long ago time past. Activities for the week were highlighted by an escorted base tour of slicks, the base museum, shopping at the exchange mall area, and a Saturday evening dinner in their honor.

All the hoopla is well founded when taking a brief look back at the role Burtonwood played during WWII and the Berlin Airlift. The base at Burtonwood served as the focal point of America’s ability to establish air superiority during WWII.

Fighter planes were actually shipped from the United States and were docked at Liverpool, England. They were then loaded on Trucks, still disassembled, and towed to Burtonwood, where they were assembled, prepared for battle, flight checked, and sent into the fray.

Personnel at Burtonwood were both American and British, men and women, officer and enlisted. There were mechanics, electricians, engineers, nurses, and mess hall personnel, all with one goal in mind, receive the planes and get them up and ready for duty as soon as possible.

To speak with the association members, it is not real obvious just how important they were to allied efforts in WWII, but as soon as they begin to share accounts of what they did and the pride with which they did it, then it all becomes crystal clear.

“These reunions are great and



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KURT GIBBONS

**Darell Freese, a World War II veteran, visited Vandenberg Oct. 4 through 9 for the Burtonwood Association’s fall reunion. Royal Air Force Burtonwood was a key part in the United States entering World War II.**

that’s because we realize the importance of what we did,” said Harry Mitchell, 1940 Burtonwood veteran. “We made a difference in with our jobs and we believe it is important to remember it – so we get together and reminisce.

Joe Trencheny was in the thick of things when a severe case of frostbite forced him into the care of the medical core for 23.5 months. However, he didn’t let that stop him from contributing, he became a cook and served in the officer’s mess.

Howard Wysatta was part of an aircraft maintenance crew, and part of his duty sent him to Switzerland to pick up salvageable aircraft and transport it back to Burtonwood. Norma Singer was a nurse, with the responsibility of caring for personnel that were working in austere conditions.

Then there was Hank Morehead, who was an engineer

that boarded a bus believing he was headed to Darwin, Australia, only to find out that he had been diverted to Burtonwood.

He believes that it was meant for him to be at Burtonwood, especially when he looks around at the camaraderie shared by the men and women of Burtonwood. Hank Morehead sees much of that same trait here at Vandenberg.

“I am thoroughly impressed with the professionals here at Vandenberg,” Morehead commented. “The pride displayed speaks well of the men and women working and living here and it says a great deal about the importance of taking care of the mission. There seems to be a real since of pride in the launch mission here.”

Santa Maria resident Darrell Freese organized and brought the reunion to Vandenberg. He served a three year unaccompanied tour

at Burtonwood.

The retired chief knew what kind of personnel serve here at Vandenberg and thought it would be a good match to bring the association here.

“We have the reunions on alternating occasions both in the United States and in Europe,” Freese said. “When they are here in the states, the event is normally at a larger city like Nashville, Las Vegas, or New Orleans.

It just seemed like this area would be a welcome change and would provide an opportunity for our association to see what are current service men and women are up to. I think everyone has been impressed with what they’ve seen.”

Burtonwood was the key to America’s entry into WWII and their association is the key to remembering the heritage of the military we now serve in.

**Force Protection Tip: Report suspicious people, vehicles or packages to authorities.**

# Team V takes aim at domestic violence

Compiled by Times Staff  
30th Space Wing Public Affairs

■ Throughout the world, military communities will observe October as Domestic Violence Prevention Month by sponsoring events and activities that address this pressing social problem. The Department of Defense continues to support programs to prevent domestic violence and treat victims and their families.

When members of the military community actively participate in the prevention of domestic violence, they play a vital role in supporting and strengthening healthy families, said Julie Ramsey, 30th Medical Group family advocacy.

“Preventing domestic violence is key to breaking the vicious cycle of child and spouse abuse,” she said.

According to Bureau of Justice statistics, about 95 percent of the victims of domestic violence are women. In the United States, a woman is more likely to be assaulted, injured, raped or killed by a male partner than by any other type of assailant.

And violence will occur at

least once in two-thirds of all marriages, Ms. Ramsey said. Additionally, domestic violence occurs among all races and socio-economic groups.

It is possible to take preventative measures against violence with the following tips for parents, Ms. Ramsey said.

- Be role models for your children.
- Teach them to settle arguments with words not weapons.
- If you own a gun, keep it unloaded and locked.
- Do not tolerate racism, prejudice or violence.
- Listen to your children and encourage them.
- Reward their positive behaviors.

For questions or concerns, call Family Advocacy, 606-8217.

The Family Stress Guide is available free by calling 1-(800)-610-3434.

It provides tips for managing anger and strain so they don’t become unbearable. The guide also offers advice and resources for people in abusive relationships, coping strategies for parents and for adults caring for their parents, and how a family physician can help, Ms. Ramsey said.

## Haunted Trail

THE HORROR BEGINS AT 6 P.M. OCT. 22 AND 23 AND RUNS THROUGH 11:30 P.M. AT THE CORNER OF WASHINGTON AVENUE AND AIRFIELD ROAD. THE SCARE CONTINUES THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND FROM 6 TO 11:30 P.M. OCT. 29 THROUGH 31. FOOD, DRINKS AND GLOW STICKS WILL BE ON SALE.



# Farewell to last Peacekeeper class

By CAPT. THOMAS SMICKLAS  
392nd Training Squadron

How many people remember their priorities from the mid 1970s? For many of today’s missile operators, recess and lunch were of primary concern. Some still were playing with LEGOs while others weren’t even born yet.

On a national level, President Carter and his administration were concerned with the security of the nation and the capabilities necessary to counter the ever-growing Soviet nuclear weapons stockpile. America needed power and precision on a strategic level to exclaim “We Win!” at the end of a nuclear exchange.

The MX, or Missile Experimental, Missile was the answer and in 1979, full-scale development began on a land-based missile capable of delivering up to 12 nuclear warheads to any location on earth.

Twenty-five years later, the era of the Peacekeeper Missile comes to a close as the last class of Peacekeeper operators graduates training with the 392nd Training Squadron here.

Gen. Lance Lord, commander of Air Force Space Command, presides over the graduation. The class of six, second lieutenants will be assigned to the 400th Missile Squadron at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., where they will remain on duty until the last missile is deactivated.

When development began on the system, plans called for the missiles to be deployed within a series of protective shelters linked by rail in order to increase survivability and defend against accurate targeting by enemies. In 1982, however, the proposal was already proving too slow and costly. As a result, President Reagan ordered a swift deployment of 100 MX missiles in existing launch facilities and designated the system as the Peacekeeper Intercontinental Ballistic Missile.

The first test launch of a PK occurred here June 17, 1983, and the first full-scale operational missile was manufactured in 1984. Congress capped the project at 50 missiles in 1985 because a mobile, survivable basing plan had still not been realized and costs were skyrocketing.

The first PK was deployed at F.E. Warren in December 1986 and shortly thereafter the 400th Missile Squadron stood up operating 50 Peacekeeper ICBMs. Plans for increased

survivability via the rail mobile system were eventually discarded due to budgetary constraints and a changing international climate. By 1993, the world had changed so much that the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty signed by President George H.W. Bush and Boris Yeltsin eliminated all nuclear delivery systems consisting of multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicles. As a result, the first Peacekeeper was deactivated Oct. 4, 2002. The remainder will be deactivated by September 2005.

“I feel honored and challenged,” said 2nd Lt. William Boyd, a member of the last PK class. “I’m here to do my best and assist in the process as a dedicated operator until the last missile is pulled.”

Command and control of the PK weapon system is closely based on the original Minuteman configuration otherwise known as Command Data Buffer. The system is paper intensive and highly reliant on basics such as knobs, switches and miniature light bulbs. The command and control was never updated to reflect today’s modern rapid execution and combat targeting found in Minuteman III systems.

Since the system’s early years, Vandenberg has played a role in the training of PK missileers. In April 1986, an initial cadre of operators received training at the Boeing Headquarters in Seattle, Wash., using the original PK missile procedures trainer. By July 1986, a second missile procedures trainer was installed at F.E. Warren to implement follow-on training for subsequent squadron operators. The original PK missile procedures trainer was then sent to Vandenberg and commissioned in March 1987 by members of Strategic Air Command’s 4315th Combat Crew Training Squadron.

Since then, approximately 24 operators per year have completed course requirements and joined the ranks of the 400th Missile Squadron. In 1993, Air Education and Training Command redesignated the 4315th Combat Crew Training Squadron as the 392nd Training Squadron where training continues to this day.

“The training here has been very intense and detail-oriented,” said 2nd Lt. Terrance Spikes. “They (the instructors) have not let up even through the final days. I know I’ve changed and am a better man because of it.”



FILE PHOTO

**Above: The Peacekeeper, a key weapon system in the U.S. arsenal for twenty years, is entering its final years of service. Right: Second Lt. William Boyd, 392nd Training Squadron, goes through initial qualification training as part of the last class of Peacekeeper operators. The last class graduates today at the 381st Training Group.**



PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS KURT GIBBONS

When the 400th stands down, these last operators will return to Vandenberg as students in the Minuteman Missile course of study. They’ll then be reassigned to a Minuteman squadron. The majority of the instructors will permanently change stations while a few will remain with the 392nd TRS and re-train into Minuteman operations.

“The men and women of the 392nd

Training Squadron, and its predecessor the 4315th Combat Crew Training Squadron, performed tremendously over the years preparing America’s Peacekeeper ICBM operators,” Colonel Monteith said. “Quality instruction and the student’s dedication to the mission, and this weapon system, have been

mainstays in the organization and became the foundation for the outstanding record achieved by the 400th Missile Squadron. Nearly every student, past and present, has a story to tell about one of his or her instructors and the impact they made on trainer day one.”





# Monterey aquarium a Central Coast must-see

BY CAPT. TODD FLEMING  
*30th Space Wing Public Affairs*

While stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, the kids loved visiting the Newport Aquarium in Cincinnati. So with family visiting recently, we decided to head up to Monterey on an overnight trip and check out California's most famous aquarium.

The trip here was my mom's first visit to California. So, we decided to take the scenic Highway One route to Monterey instead of shooting up 101. If there's a more scenic drive in this country than that one, I've never seen it. The views were absolutely breathtaking, from Morro Bay up to Big Sur and finally in to Carmel and Monterey. It may add an hour or more to the trip, but it's well worth it.

I was cautioned that the trip up Highway One is curvy. That's an understatement. I felt like an Indy racecar driver as we wound up and down the mountains on steep curves while overlooking the Pacific Ocean. It was great.

We arrived in Monterey about lunchtime and headed to Fishermen's Wharf in search of some seafood. I think that was a mistake. The places were pricy and the restaurant we ate at wasn't all that great. There were much more reasonable places just off the wharf on Cannery Road of John Steinbeck fame, although the walk along the bay from the wharf to the aquarium almost makes it worth it.

After lunch, we headed to the aquarium. Words do not do justice to the Monterey Bay

Aquarium. It's amazing. From the kelp forest to the Outer Bay exhibit loaded with massive tuna, sea turtles, and sunfish to the multiple jellyfish exhibits to the shark exhibit, the aquarium takes your breath away at every turn.

Everyone stationed at Vandenberg owes it to themselves and their families to visit this world famous aquarium before they leave California's

Central Coast. It's absolutely spectacular.

For those with young children, the aquarium has clever play areas and plenty of interactive activities to keep them amused for hours. From holding hermit crabs to touching live sharks our kids had a blast. They played in a fish shaped playground and made shark-shaped hats. In fact, nearly every exhibit area had a

children's area or activity nearby.

Another fan favorite at the aquarium is the otter exhibit. Although I didn't find the exhibit as impressive as some of the others, it was educational. Considering how many otters we saw just off the coast, especially down by Pebble Beach, I'm glad we saw it.

We spent a few hours at the aquarium, but we could have easily spent longer. I recommend going during the off-season or during the week. Although the crowds weren't too bad on the day we were there, it was easy to see that they could get bad. And parking is at a premium.

Afterward we did some shopping in town, which was surprisingly reasonable. Most of the many stores on Cannery Row by the aquarium were running impressive specials. My mom and sister, who both love to shop, had a blast. It's not a bad place to do some Christmas shopping off-season when nearly everything is deeply discounted.

Before heading back home the next morning, we did the 17-mile drive around Pebble Beach. Then



Hannah Fleming, 4, (left), and her sister Rachel, 3, enjoy a ride on Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey, Calif.



Rachel Fleming, 3, appreciates the real-life fish from her favorite movie, "Finding Nemo" at the Monterey Bay Aquarium about 3 hours north of Vandenberg.

PHOTOS BY CAPT. TODD FLEMING

## Community Calendar

**15 FRI**

**Breast Cancer Awareness** – today at the commissary there will be a booth designed to educate women about breast care.

**American Indian heritage** – Vandenberg's Military Equal Opportunity Office needs a chairperson for American Indian Heritage Month. Call the MEO office at 606-0370 for more information.

**PALACE CHASE briefing** – Airmen separating from the Air Force through PALACE CHASE need to complete a mandatory pre-separation briefing at least 90 days prior to separation. Call 606-0039 for more information.

**Animal Shelter Volunteers** – The Lompoc County Animal Shelter needs volunteers for 4 to 6 hours each week. Join the Companion Animal Placement Assistance Volunteer Team at the Lompoc County Animal Shelter. Call 737-7754 for membership information.

**Cheerleading Coach needed** – Vandenberg Middle School's competitive cheerleading

squad is looking for an assistant coach. Call 605-0786 or 934-9916 for more information.

**Partners Assisting In Reading** – PAIR needs volunteers to work with students at Crestview Elementary School. Call Julie Hegeman at 734-2549 or e-mail [julshgeg@yahoo.com](mailto:julshgeg@yahoo.com) for more information.

**57th concert season** – The Lompoc Concert Association sells season subscriptions for various concerts throughout the Lompoc Valley. For more information, call Vivian Dew at 733-4006 or Jean Jacoby at 736-8713.

**Santa Maria Improv Team** – Adults 18 or older call (805) 474-8954 or e-mail [mpassarelli@charter.com](mailto:mpassarelli@charter.com) to join the team.

**The Maverick Saloon** – Live music weekends. 510 South Broadway St., Santa Maria. Call (805) 922-9002 for more information.

**CASA volunteers** – Court Appointed Special Advocates provides volunteer advocates for children who have been removed

from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Call Becky Reid at (805) 739-9102 for more information or to sign up.

**Red Cross volunteers** – Call Pat Nuth at 605-0042 or e-mail [tesee1@juno.com](mailto:tesee1@juno.com) for more information or to sign up.

**16 SAT**

**Chili Cook-off** – 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the Vandenberg Base Exchange courtyard. Call 606-2538 for more information.

**Stinky's Bar and Grill** – DJ and dancing 9 p.m. Saturdays. 2430 South Broadway St., Santa Maria.

**Rancho de Guadalupe Historical Museum** – 1 to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays or by appointment. Call (805) 343-5901 for more information.

**17 SUN**

**Global Hearts Group** – 5 p.m. Sundays Global Hearts invites eligible spouses and their families for dinner at Beachcomber dining facility. Call Tech. Sgt. Sheila White at 606-0039 for more information.

**Military Parents of the**

**18 MON**

**Central Coast** – 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at United Methodist Church. 1515 Fredericks St., San Luis Obispo. Call Janice Somers at (805) 549-9199 or Sharon Livsey at (805) 544-3930 for more information.

**Computer resource room** – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Vandenberg Family Support Center. Computers are available to those who need access to the Internet for job searches, relocation assistance, or to stay in touch with family separated by military service.

**19 TUE**

**Death by Chocolate** – 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Chapel 1 annex for a chocoholics dream. The cost for this event is \$5. Call Leigh Ann Schoonmaker today at 734-1911 to make reservations.

**Moms, Pops & Tots** – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Vandenberg Fitness Center Annex. Call 734-2448 or 734-0020 for more information on the playgroup.

**School bus registration** – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in building 10728.

**Word Wizards** – 7 p.m. Tuesdays. 519 West Taylor St., Santa Maria. Writers of any genre meet for reading and critiquing. Call (805) 929-2140 for more information.

**Star performers at Bill's Place** – 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays. 112 East Branch St., Arroyo Grande. Call (805) 489-9989 for more information.

**Disabled American Veterans** – 9 a.m. Tuesdays in the Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building. 108 East Locus St., Lompoc. Rides are available to various appointments. Call Dan Contreras at (310) 477-2539.

**20 WED**

**Reggae night** – Wednesdays at the Frog and Peach Pub. 728 Higuera Rd., San Luis Obispo. Call (805) 595-3764 for more information.

**Central Coast Chapter of the Society of Military Widows** – 1 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Vandenberg Retiree Activities Center. Call

(805) 937-6747 for more information.

**Baby Meet** – 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays in the Vandenberg Library. Participants should use the staff entrance. The group meets for discussion and socialization for expectant parents and those with babies, newborn through two years old. Call 734-6606 for more information.

**Special needs information network** – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the library. Call 734-2282 for information.

**21 THU**

**Women Infants and Children** – Vandenberg's WIC program is moving to the health and wellness center beginning Thursday.

**22 FRI**

**Vandenblood Horror Camp** – 7 p.m. to midnight Oct. 22 and 23, 7 to 11 p.m. Oct. 27 and 28, 7 p.m. to midnight Oct. 29 and 30 and 7 to 11 p.m. Oct. 31. The horror takes place on San Antonio Road West off of Highway 1.

Movie

Corner

**BASE THEATER**  
VANITY FAIR PG-13  
7 p.m. TODAY  
ANACONDAS: THE HUNT FOR THE BLOOD ORCHID PG-13  
7 p.m. SAT  
THE COOKOUT PG-13  
2 p.m. SUN

**Hi-Way Drive-in**  
Santa Maria Ph. 937-3515  
SHARK TALE PG  
THE FORGOTTEN PG-13  
DAILY 7:15 p.m.

**Movies Lompoc**  
NAPOLEAN DYNAMITE PG  
DAILY 4:45, 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

SAT-SUN 11:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.  
**FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS PG-13**  
DAILY 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-SUN 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
**SHARK TALE PG**  
DAILY 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-SUN 11:45 a.m and 2:15 p.m.  
**TAXI PG-13**  
DAILY 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-SUN 11:45 a.m and 2:15 p.m.

**Movies Gemini**  
**TEAM AMERICA: WORLD POLICE R**  
DAILY 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-SUN 11:30 a.m and 2 p.m.  
**LADDER 49 PG-13**  
DAILY 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-SUN 11:30 a.m and 2 p.m.

**Parks Plaza Buellton**  
**SHALL WE DANCE PG-13**  
DAILY 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-SUN 11:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS PG-13**  
DAILY 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-SUN 11:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
**TAXI PG-13**  
DAILY 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
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SAT-SUN 11:45 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
**LADDER 49 PG-13**  
DAILY 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.  
SAT-SUN 11:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

General Admission \$7.50; children and seniors \$5.50; shows before 5:30 p.m. \$5.50. Movies and times subject to change.

Chapel Services & Events

Call 606-5773 for other denomination worship services and events.

**WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday**  
8:30 a.m. Praise and Worship\*, Chapel 2  
10 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 1  
11:30 a.m. Traditional Protestant\*, Chapel 1  
11:30 a.m. Gospel\*, Chapel 2

**Monday - Friday**  
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2  
**Saturday**  
5 p.m. Catholic Mass, Chapel 2

\*Only the traditional service in Chapel 1 will be held on 3-day holiday weekends.



# 30th Services News

I.T.T.

## Lakers Tickets



Call 606-1675

Reserved seating for 8 season games. Tickets ( transportation on your own) are very limited and need to be reserved NOW! Enjoy Lakers Basketball at the Staples Center. A nonrefundable deposit of \$25 per ticket will reserve your seats.

Regular season games \$45  
Marquee Matchups \$65

Date	Opponent
*Nov 26 (Fri) <b>SOLD OUT!</b>	Sacramento
Dec 17 (Fri)	Washington
*Dec 25 (Sat) <b>SOLD OUT!</b>	Miami
*Jan 7 (Fri)	Houston
Jan 28 (Fri)	New Jersey
Mar 27 (Sun)	Philadelphia
Mar 29 (Tue)	New York
Apr 11 (Mon)	Phoenix

### SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

#### CHILDREN'S CERAMIC CLASSES

Saturdays  
11 a.m. to  
1:30 p.m.  
\$15 per class



Includes bisque, use of brushes and tools, and firing.

Preregistration is required. Minimum of 5 students, maximum 12.

Call the Skills Development Center for more information at 606-6438.

### 30TH SERVICES

#### 2004 Family & Teen

*Talent Contest!*



Are you a teen, husband and wife or child who has talent? We are looking vocalists, dancers, instrumentalists, comedians and dramatists to audition for the 2004 Family & Teen Talent Show. Deadline to apply: Oct. 25. Call Lynn Warner for your private audition at 606-0276.

#### It's coming....the Youth Center's Harvest Festival

NOTE: DATE CHANGED to Oct. 29! • 7 to 9 p.m.

### OUTDOOR REC

#### Kayaking Tour in Santa Barbara

Tomorrow, leave 8:30 a.m., return 2:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$45 per person.

Join us for a leisurely day exploring the beauty of Santa Barbara's coastline on a 3-hour guided kayaking tour. Local guides will help you explore the shoreline featuring an abundance of bird and sealife. No experience is necessary. Price includes transportation, guides, and all equipment.

#### Surfing Trip to Pismo Beach

Oct. 23, leave 8:30 a.m., return 2:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$35 per person.

Just a short drive away, we will head to Pismo Beach and spend a day soaking up the sun and riding the waves. What more could you ask for? This trip is for beginner/intermediate surfers and you must know how to swim. Trip includes guide and transportation. Surfboards and wetsuits available; please specify when registering for a trip.

**Outdoor Recreation and Fitness Center** will offer an introduction climbing wall training for all squadrons. This training is mandatory in order to use the wall for squadron functions. Please call Outdoor Recreation at 606-5908 to sign up. Where: Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 10250. When: Wednesday. Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: Free. Call 605-5908 for more information.

#### Marshallia Ranch Golf Course

## Golf Kids

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## ATTENTION GOLFERS!

### The 'Kids-4-Golf and Parent Golf Outing' Special

Sunday • 2:30 p.m.

*Special price for 9 holes:*

1 Kid & 1 Parent - \$18      2 Kids & 1 Parent - \$20  
1 Kid & 2 Parents - \$23      2 Kids & 2 Parents - \$25

Includes green fees, cart and range balls for each golfer.

Call the golf course for more information at 734-1333/606-6262.

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

### The winter art fair is coming Nov. 6th!

## CRAFTERS Sign up to reserve your space today!

*All are welcome!* \$25 one space • \$35 two spaces

Pottery      Painting  
Stained Glass      Quilting  
Jewelry      Needlework  
Woodwork

*Hand-crafted items only, please.*

Sign up at Skills Development, Bldg. 11193 no later than Oct. 23. Fair to be held on grassy area adjacent to Surf Lanes bowling center. Call 606-9487 for more information.

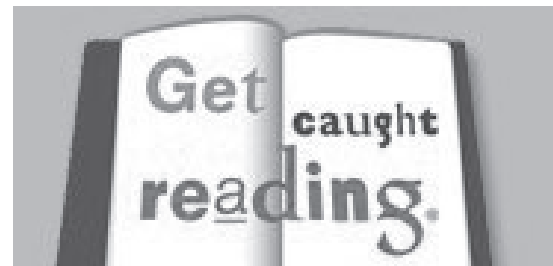
### LIBRARY

*Do you like to read? Do you like to have fun? Are you in grades 6th to 12th? Or age 12 to 18?*

Then join the Vandenberg Base Library for TEEN READ WEEKS and...



**Come by the library...**



**for details and instructions on the two contests to 'get caught reading'.**



#### GET CAUGHT READING PHOTO CONTEST:

Take a picture of someone you catch in the act of reading. You must get their permission to use their photo.

#### GET CAUGHT READING ESSAY CONTEST:

Write a short essay in 25 to 100 words about what book you would most like to get caught reading and why.

Turn in your photograph and/or typed essay to the library by Oct. 22. Entries will be judged in several categories and prizes awarded to best at the Pizza Party Finale.

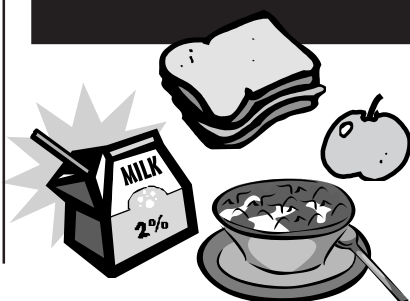
#### SCAVENGER HUNT and PIZZA PARTY

will be held on Oct. 24, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Base Library. Please sign up for the scavenger hunt and vote for your favorite flavor of pizza. Scavenger Hunt begins at 4 p.m. and Pizza Party at 5:30 p.m.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTESTS TO ATTEND THE PIZZA PARTY, but please sign up prior to the party.

Come to or call the library at 606-6414 for further details and contest rules.

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER



The Vandenberg AFB Child Development Center, Family Child Care, School Age Program and Part-Day Enrichment Programs announces enrollment in the State Meal Program for the new fiscal year, 2004-05. Applications are distributed to all households with a letter informing them of the availability of free and reduced price meals for their children. To apply for free or reduced-price meals, households must complete an application and return it to the program. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used to determine meal eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or program officials.

Call Gwendolyn Jones, Family Child Care Coordinator at 606-4639/3255 for more information.